

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 4 and 12-14 without prejudice.

Please amend claim 15 as follows:

1. (Previously presented) An improved device for steam cooking a food product comprising: a container defining a compartment for holding food, the container including a first member sealed to a second member to define the compartment, wherein the first member has a coefficient of thermal expansion that is different than the coefficient of thermal expansion of the second member, wherein the heating of the members forms a vent in the seal between the first member and the second member.
2. (Previously presented) The device of claim 1, wherein the first member is a base.
3. (Previously presented) The device of claim 1, wherein the second member is a lid.
4. (Cancel)
5. (Previously presented) The device of claim 2, the base including a bottom surface and four side surfaces defining a box like shape with an open top.
6. (Previously presented) The device of claim 5, the side surfaces including a rim formed around the periphery of a top edge of the four side surfaces.
7. (Previously presented) The device of claim 3, wherein the lid is substantially planar.
8. (Previously presented) The device of claim 7, wherein the lid further defines a channel constructed and arranged to form a seal when the lid is coupled with the first member.
9. (Previously presented) The device of claim 1, wherein the members are composed of a polymer.

10. (Previously presented) The device of claim 2, wherein the base is composed of a crystallized polyester terephthalate.

11. (Previously presented) The device of claim 3, wherein the lid is composed of polypropylene.

12. (Cancel)

13. (Cancel)

14. (Cancel)

15. (Currently amended) The device of claim 14, wherein the first member is a base having a rim and the venting assembly is a V-shaped indentation along the top of the rim.